PROTECT OUR KIDS' INNOCENCE

AN ACT Relating to sexual education for toddlers and underage children at government schools; adding a new section to chapter 28A.300 RCW; creating new sections; and repealing RCW 28A.300.475.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.300 RCW to read as follows:

Parents and legal guardians must opt-in for sexual education for their toddlers and underage children at government schools. Government schools may not expose toddlers and underage children to R-rated or X-rated subject matter. Teachers must be allowed to opt-out of teaching sexual education to toddlers and underage children. Parents and legal guardians, and not government schools, are responsible for toddlers and underage children learning about sex. Government schools should not force toddlers and underaged children to be exposed to sexual education that conflicts with the values of their parents or legal guardians. For the purposes of this chapter, "underage children" means children ages 0 through 17.

Sec. 2. RCW 28A.300.475 (Medically accurate sexual health education—Curricula— Participation excused—Parental review) and 2020 c . . . s 1 (Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 5395) and 2007 c 265 s 2, as now existing or hereafter amended, are each repealed.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. The provisions of this act are to be liberally construed to effectuate the policies, purposes, and intent of this act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act is known and may be cited as Protect Our Kids' Innocence.